

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
October 30, 2008**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

David Swan (Chair)	Peter Gundrum (arrived at 8:58 a.m)	Walter Kolb
Pauline Jaske	Pamela Meyer	John Pledl (left at 9:30 a.m.)
Peter Wolff		

Also Present:

County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader	Director of Public Works Rich Bolte
Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite	Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle
Waukesha Metro Transit Director Bob Johnson	WI Coach Lines Vice President Tom Dieckelman
Waukesha Metro Transit Director of Planning and Administration Andrew Johnson	

Future Meeting Dates

- November 12, 2008 at 8:40 a.m. in C355.

Approve Minutes of October 16, 2008

MOTION: Wolff moved, Pledl second, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Committee Report

Swan reported the Executive Committee discussed the following items at the October 20, 2008 meeting:

- Update on IT projects
- 2009 Non-Departmental and CDBG budgets
- Five-year capital plan
- Two appointments
- Four ordinances that were approved at the October 28 County Board meeting.

Correspondence

- Letter from Tom Dieckelman to Supervisor Swan regarding comments made at the October 16, 2008 Public Works Committee meeting.
- Reinvesting in America's Transportation System Surface Transportation Reauthorization Toolkit.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-062: Appropriate Additional Funds to the Central Fleet 2008 Budget

Crosswaite said this ordinance will appropriate \$490K to the Central Fleet budget, which includes \$420K for fuel and \$70K for parts. Revenue for these expenditures will come from interdepartmental charges. This ordinance does not have any direct tax levy impact.

MOTION: Kolb moved, Wolff second, to approve Ordinance 163-O-062.

Jaske asked how is the price of fuel affecting the Central Fleet budget. Crosswaite said the cost increases are affecting the budget. She used the assumption of \$3 per gallon of unleaded and diesel for this ordinance. The 2008 budget had an average fuel cost assumption of \$2.65 per gallon while the 2009 budget was developed with a gas rate of \$3 per gallon and \$3.15 per gallon for diesel. 2009 is the first year different rates were used for diesel and unleaded due to the high cost of diesel.

Kolb asked if fuel is purchased wholesale? Rauchle said the county buys fuel in the largest allotment possible to save money.

Swan said the ordinance requests \$70K for parts. What are the parts used for? Rauchle said the parts will be used to maintain vehicles across the fleet especially after the extreme winter and spring seasons in Wisconsin. Swan said he thought the money for parts in this ordinance was to repair fuel equipment. Crosswaite said the intent the ordinance was to purchase parts to repair fleet vehicles and equipment. Swan would like lines 14 and 15 of the ordinance amended to clarify that the parts are used to repair vehicles and equipment.

MOTION: Jaske moved, Pledl second, to amend Ordinance 163-O-062 by altering lines 14 and 15 as follows:

*increasing fuel consumption and causing an accelerated amount of wear and tear on ~~the~~ vehicles and equipment, and**

Motion carried 6-0.

*additions are underline while deletions are crossed out.

Mader asked if the increase fuel use was limited to plow trucks. Crosswaite said it was not limited to plow trucks. There was a 7% increase in gallons used countywide. Mader suggested Crosswaite provide the committees with a functional understanding of how the 7% increase in fuel correlates to an increase in parts cost at a rate of significantly more than 7%. Crosswaite explained the increase for parts related to increased activity higher than budgeted costs for parts and types of repairs that were needed.

Gundrum arrived at 8:58 am.

Meyer asked if Rauchle could provide the committee with a break down of fuel use. Rauchle quickly read fuel usage data from 2008 and said he would provide committee members with a copy of the report.

On the original motion as amended: motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Contract with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., for Service on Route 10 (Bluemound Road)

Swan requested a copy of the Transit Development Program. Bob Johnson said he would get copies for committee members.

Bob Johnson said this route operates from Bay Shore Mall in Glendale south to downtown then west to the Medical Complex on Wisconsin Avenue and then eventually onto Brookfield Square. Waukesha County pays for the route west of 124th Street. This is Waukesha County's best route in terms of ridership, efficiency, etc. The route also connects to other routes to the New Berlin Industrial Park and to downtown Waukesha.

MOTION: Wolff moved, Jaske second, to approve the contract with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. for service on Route 10.

Swan asked will the new safety enhancements made to buses by Milwaukee County be included on the buses that serve Waukesha County? Bob Johnson said whatever security Milwaukee installs will be on the buses. Kolb asked will Waukesha County be sued if something happens on a Milwaukee bus in Waukesha County? Bob Johnson said there is an indemnity clause to hold Waukesha County harmless against all claims and judgments. The contract is actually between the City of Waukesha Transit Commission and the Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. Waukesha County is not named in the contracts.

The committee wanted to know more about the county's transit agreement with the City of Waukesha. Bolte explained that the City of Waukesha administers bus services for Waukesha County for a fee. The agreement

will be up for renewal in April 2009.

Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Contract with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., for Service on Route 79 (Menomonee Falls Freeway Flyer)

Bob Johnson said this express downtown route is operated by the Milwaukee Transport Services Inc. from Menomonee Falls to downtown Milwaukee with limited stops in Menomonee Falls on Mondays through Fridays during peak periods. Appendix B in the contract details the fee schedule for this route.

Swan asked what happens if Milwaukee stops providing bus services. Bob Johnson said then we look elsewhere and find another operator. Bolte said the county could sue them.

Andrew Johnson said this service is not paid for by Milwaukee County but rather covered by us. The only problem would be if buses were not available to provide services. Kolb asked if Waukesha County would be liable if Milwaukee County will not provide this service? Andrew Johnson said that would be an extreme situation.

MOTION: Wolff moved, Jaske second, to approve the contract with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., for service on Route 70. Motion carried 7-0.

Upcoming Public Hearing Dates and Locations

Bob Johnson said there will be a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in C350 of the Waukesha County Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. to discuss changes on Route 901 and a general fare increase. Swan said attendance of the Public Works Committee is not mandatory.

Meeting Approval

MOTION: Jaske moved, Wolff second, to approve attendance of the Public Works Committee at the public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in C350 of the Waukesha County Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Pledl left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The committee discussed at length possible outcomes of the public hearing. Mader said any changes from budget to route 901 would be brought to the Public Works Committee and County Board in an ordinance.

Future Agenda Items

- Transit Development Program (Bob Johnson will not be available on December 4 to discuss this item)
- Waukesha County's transit agreement with the City of Waukesha City including an organizational chart.

MOTION: Jaske moved, Gundrum second, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff
Secretary